

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the Specification and claims 2, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, and 5-8 are pending and under consideration.

Amendment of the Specification

The Specification has been amended only to correct informalities and to place the Specification in better form for U.S. issuance.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the outstanding Office Action at page 5, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7/5, 7/6, 8/5, and 8/6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Further, the Office Action indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 5, 7, and 8 have been amended to overcome this objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 3, and 5-8 are now in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action at page 2, claims 1, 4, 7/4 and 8/4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,424,960 to Lee et al. In the Office Action at page 3, claims 1, 4, 7/4 and 8/4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Published Application No. 2003/0061035 A1 to Kadambe. As claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled and claims 7 and 8 have been amended to remove any dependencies on claim 4, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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